(b) The details of modus-operandi of the scandal would be known only after the investigation being conducted by the CBI under the directions of Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana, has been completed.

(c) FCI sold 3.7 lakh tonnes (prov.) of wheat in Haryana during 1996-97. In addition, a quantity of 32,940 M.T. was issued under Pubjab Special Scheme. This Quantity was issued at the prices given below:—

	(Rate Rs. per MT)
April 96 to July 96	Rs. 4410
Aug. 96 & Sept., 96 (upto 17.9.96)	Rs. 4550
Sept. 96 w.e.f. 18.9.96 to March, 97	Rs. 4900

The profits made by the traders and the losses suffered by FCI will be known only at the end of investigation.

(d) As already stated, on the basis of reports, the CBI will initiate necessary action against the erring parties involved in irrcgularties, in accordance with law.

गन्ने का खरीद मूल्य निर्धारित किया जाना

501. **श्री सूर्यभान पाटील वहाडणे**: क्या खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामले मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गन्ने का खरीद मूल्य निर्धारित करने के संबंध में कृषि मंत्रालय और खाद्य मंत्रालय के क्या क्या विचार है,

(ख) इस संबंध में मंत्रिमंडल की मूल्य सलाहकार समिति की क्या राय है, और

(ग) इस पर वित्त मंत्रालय ने क्या निर्णय लिया है?

खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामले के राज्य मंत्री (कधुवंश प्रसाद सिंह): (क) से (ग) खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामले मंत्रालय (शर्करा और खाद्य तेल विभाग) प्रत्येक वर्ष गन्ना (नियंत्रण) आदेश , 1966 के उपबंधों के अनुसार गन्ना उत्पादकों को चीनी मिलों द्वारा अदा किए जाने वाले सांविधिक न्यूनतम मूल्य निर्धारित करता है। निर्धारित किया गया मूल्य कृषि मंत्रालय के अधीन कृषि लागत और मूल्य आयोग की सिफारिशों के आधार पर होता है। संविधिक न्यूनतम मूल्य मंत्रिमंडल की आर्थिक कार्य समति के अनमोदन से निर्धारित किया जाता है।

Full Quota of Foodgrains from FCI not Lifted by States

502.SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Miniter of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States have not lifted full quota of foodgrains from the FCI godowns during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps taken in this regard during that period alongwith results?

THE MINSITER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) On the basis of monthly allocation made by the Government, FCI releases foodgrians (rice and wheat) to the States Governmcnts4JTs under Public Distribution System. Two statements showing Statewise details of allotment, offtake and offtake percentage of Rice and Wheat for the finacial year 1995-96 and 1996-97 are enclosed at Statement I and II respectiovely.

The offtake of foodgrains (wheat and rice) under PDS depends mainly upon the seasonal availability and prices of these commoditcs in the open market in any State. During the post harvest seasons of wheat and rice, offtake of these commodities generally falls in the States where these commodities are produced. Sometimes, the States/UTs. fail to make financial arrangements in time and at others, due to some operational problems, there might be occasional shortage of stocks in a particular State and whenever any report to this effect is received either from State